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REPORT

TOPIC Installations at Laerz Airfield, Status as of January 1954

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Of the former German airfields at Rechlin and Laerz, the latter has been used by the Soviet Air Force since the end of World War II. Of the former installations at Laerz airfield, the hangars were dismantled. The landing field and the two runways, 2,380 meters and 1,800 meters long and 60 meters wide, could be used after being repaired. The taxiway, extending in the southern and southeastern sections of the field, was made usable. Prior to mid-1949, the field was unoccupied. During the maneuvers in August 1949, the field was used as an operational field by a bomber regiment and a fighter regiment which were equipped with Pe-2s and La-9s respectively. In October 1949, the field was occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with La-9s. At that time, improvement work and the establishment of air safety installations were started and a fuel dump was being constructed. In March 1950, the two fighter regiments were re-equipped with MiG-15s, the fuel dump was being enlarged and the construction of a 12,000-meter-long fence was started. By March 1952, the fence was completed, and a RV-45 D/F station and two landing beacons next to two radar sets were installed. In June 1952, the construction of three hangars was started. After September 1952, about 50 aircraft revetments were constructed. Laerz airfield is suitable for MiG-15s and may also be used during unfavorable weather conditions and at night.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW